

FOR: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INDIANA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENT MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Indiana has a long history of providing bases for all branches of America's armed services; and

WHEREAS, Indiana's active, reserve, and national guard bases currently include Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center; Camp Atterbury Maneuver Training Center, Terre Haute Air National Guard Wing, Fort Wayne Air National Guard Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base, and Defense Finance and Accounting Service Indianapolis; and

WHEREAS, Indiana wishes to take every possible action to maximize the military value, usage and efficiency at these bases; and

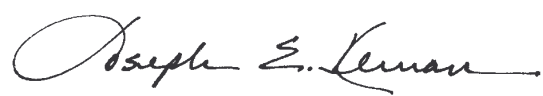
WHEREAS, various state government entities and agencies can take key roles in assisting with efficiency and viability of these bases through work on infrastructure, workforce, finance, research, and other related issues; and

WHEREAS, forthcoming action by the Base Realignment and Closing Commission brings focus to these efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph E. Kernan, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order as follows:

1. The Indiana Military Base Task Force is hereby established under the leadership of the Lieutenant Governor.
2. The Task Force shall take all feasible actions to ensure a coordinated effort by agencies of Indiana state government, as well as relevant local governments, to ensure the viability of Indiana's military bases.
3. Issues to be addressed by the Task Force shall include infrastructure improvements, workforce development, coordination of research with relevant universities and private sector companies, development of dedicated special funding and services, and any other efforts that can ensure that Indiana's military bases remain busy and efficient.
4. The following shall be members of the Task Force:
 - a) the Lieutenant Governor;
 - b) the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation;
 - c) the Executive Director of the Department of Commerce;
 - d) the Adjutant General;
 - e) the Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development;
 - f) the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management;
 - g) the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources
 - h) the Executive Director of the Counterterrorism and Security Council;
 - i) the Executive Director of the 21st Century Research & Technology Fund.
5. The Task Force shall work closely with the Southern Indiana Business Alliance, relevant local officials, community leaders, and members of the General Assembly.
6. All state agencies and employees shall assist in the Task Force's efforts as necessary.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, **Joseph E. Kernan**, have herewith set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 20th day of February, 2004.



Joseph E. Kernan
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST: Todd Rokita
 Secretary of State